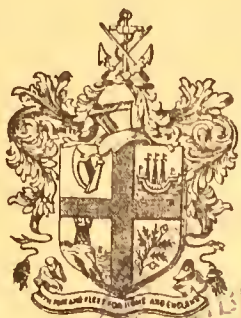


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Health Department,
Municipal Buildings,
Gillingham, Kent.

September, 1962.

Telephone: Gillingham 50021

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1961.

The birth rate was 17.3 per 1,000 of the population compared with 16.5 in 1959.

The death rate was 11.2 per 1,000 of the civilian population.

The infant mortality rate was 22.1 per thousand live births, of the 28 who died under one year 23 succumbed in the first month of life.

The incidence of infectious diseases was very satisfactory, there were again no cases of Poliomyelitis or Diphtheria reported.

I am pleased to report that 10,967 persons were vaccinated or revaccinated against poliomyelitis and 5,338 children between the ages of 5-12 years received a fourth injection.

The work in connection with health and welfare services proceeded satisfactorily. It is evident however the widening scope of services concerned suggest considerable future expansion of the department in order to fulfil the obligations of these functions.

I wish to express my appreciation of the continued generous co-operation and assistance from Dr. A. Elliott, the County Medical Officer, and his staff. My thanks are also due to my deputy Dr. H. Mair who commenced duty here on the 1st May, Mr. F. J. Hedgecock the Chief Public Health Inspector, my Administrative Officer, Mr. S. Pett, and all members of the staff.

My thanks are due to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for the support given to me.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

M. L. DUNLOP,

Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF PUBLIC HEALTH, SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE, AND COUNTY COUNCIL DELEGATED HEALTH SERVICES

Medical Officer of Health:

Meta L. Dunlop, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

Helen E. Mair, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (commenced 1.5.61)

Assistant Medical Officers: (S.H.S./D.H.S.)

A. L. Kelly, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. (part-time)

L. M. Corall, M.B., D.P.H. (part-time)

N. Browne, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. (part-time)

J. Ruffell, M.B., Ch. B., (part-time)

C. Wisdom, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S. (part-time)

R. Nicol, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., (part-time)

Ophthalmologist: (S.H.S.)

J. D. Clark, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S. (part-time)

Dental Surgeons: (S.H.S.)

William C. Griffiths, L.D.S., R.C.S. (part-time)

H. Causey, L.D.S. (part-time)

D. W. Kyle, B.D.S. (part-time)

J. L. Melville, B.D.S. (part-time)

A. W. Wallace, L.D.S. (part-time)

Chief Public Health Inspector:

F. J. Hedgecock, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Cert. Inst. Mun. E.

Senior Public Health Inspector:

R. C. Langley, M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspectors:

F. G. Barney, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

H. Moule, C.R.S.H.

N. Smith, M.A.P.H.I.

G. J. H. Roscow, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

B. Clark, M.A.P.H.I.

Health Visitors: (D.H.S./S.H.S.)

E. W. Jordan, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

N. Legg, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

P. W. May, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

J. Tombleson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

D. G. Purt, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

F. M. Tomlin, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

H. V. Wilson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

R. Wood, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert.

P. C. D. Brenton, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert. (part-time)

J. A. Hewitt, S.R.N., S.C.M., Health Visitor's Cert. (part-time)

District Nurses: (D.H.S.)

A. M. Darley, S.R.N.

E. C. Davidson, S.R.N.

J. P. Davis, S.R.N.

E. J. Flynn, S.R.N.

J. Hummel, S.R.N.

F. M. McGargle, S.R.N.

F. B. Morris, S.R.N., S.C.M.

M. H. Rayner, S.R.N., S.C.M.

O. Stirzaker, S.R.N.

A. T. Stonehouse, S.R.N.

M. K. Stanton, S.R.N.

M. Turpin, S.R.N.
H. Waterman, S.R.N.
B. D. Frapple, S.E.A.N. (part-time)

Midwives: (D.H.S.)

M. A. Baldwin, S.R.N., S.C.M.
E. Daly, S.R.N., S.C.M.
K. Holland, S.R.N., S.C.M.
K. Lowry, S.C.M.
W. D. Maisey, S.C.M.
G. M. McGregor, S.R.N., S.C.M.
M. M. Shorey, S.R.N., S.C.M.
S. I. Shorey, S.E.A.N., S.C.M.
M. E. White, S.C.M.

Chief Administrative Assistant:
S. Pett

District Officer: (D.H.S.)
M. Clegg

Domestic Help Organiser: (D.H.S.)
J. M. Preston, M.I.H.H.D. (Cert.)

Senior Administrative Assistant:
M. McKeen

Clerks:
M. E. Fox (resigned 17.4.61)
H. Gomersall
R. C. Thomas (S.H.S.)
P. Rome (D.H.S.)
J. Kelso (D.H.S.) (commenced 8.5.61)
J. Weir (D.H.S.)
M. M. Morris (D.H.S.)
C. Greenfield (S.H.S.) (commenced 1.1.61)

Shorthand/Typists:
B. McCauley
J. Hunt

Dental Attendants: (S.H.S.)
A. F. Wooton
A. E. Turner

Disinfector:
S. Baker

Rodent Operative:
W. E. Goodwin

N.B.—D.H.S.—Delegated Health Service.
S.H.S.—School Health Service.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres (land, inland water and foreshore)...	11,201
Rateable Value (April, 1961)	£955,180
The sum represented by a penny rate (1961-62)	£3,990
In 1961-62 the total Rates were 20/10 in the £ (excluding water rates and charges).	

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Total Population (Registrar-General) ...	72,850
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Live Births

Number of Live Births.. .. .	1,264
Rate per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population	17.3
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	5.5

Stillbirths

Number of Still Births	28
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ..	21.7
Total Live and Still Births	1,292
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	28

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	22.1
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	23.4
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	18.2
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	15.8
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	37.1

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	—
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ..	0.0

Deaths (all causes)

Rate per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population	11.2
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Deaths in Public Institutions

Three hundred and nineteen of the total, took place in Institutions.

Natural Increase of Population

This is measured by the excess of births over deaths. The figure for the year 1961 was 446 and for previous years as follows :—

Year	Natural Increase of Population						
1952	354
1953	332
1954	542
1955	339
1956	386
1957	462
1958	413
1959	421
1960	509
1961	446

Cancer

						Cancer Death Rate.	Percentage of Total Deaths
1952	...	...	...	...	...	1.8	18.4
1953	...	...	...	...	...	1.6	17.1
1954	...	...	...	...	...	1.8	21.8
1955	...	...	...	...	...	1.7	18.2
1956	...	...	...	...	...	1.8	17.5
1957	...	...	...	...	...	1.9	19.8
1958	...	...	...	...	...	1.9	18.6
1959	...	...	...	...	...	1.9	17.5
1960	...	...	...	...	...	2.0	20.7
1961	...	...	...	...	...	2.2	19.3

Violence

Deaths from motor vehicle accidents numbered 10, from suicide 6 and from "all other accidents" 7.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Smallpox

No cases were notified during 1961.

Scarlet Fever

Notifications numbered 8. No cases were removed to hospital. There were no deaths.

Diphtheria

No cases were notified.

TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS OF DIPHTHERIA
From 1930 to 1961

Period	No. Notified	Deaths Registered.
1930	42	1
1931	19	1
1932	8	—
1933	17	1
1934	52	4
1935	27	5
1936	17	2
1937	42	1
1938	157	4
1939	86	1
1940	28	1
1941	5	—
1942	7	—
1943	3	—
1944	3	—
1945	2	—
1946	2	—
1947	NIL	—
1948	4	—
1949	NIL	—
1950	NIL	—
1951	NIL	—
1952	NIL	—
1953	NIL	—
1954	NIL	—
1955	NIL	—
1956	NIL	—
1957	NIL	—
1958	NIL	—
1959	NIL	—
1960	NIL	—
1961	NIL	—

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS, 1961.

Immunisation and Vaccination 1961.

I have set out below the diphtheria immunisation, whooping cough immunisation, smallpox and poliomyelitis vaccination and Triple Antigen Immunisation figures for 1961.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary Immunisation	Reinforcing Dose
Under 1 year	12	1
1-4 years	104	22
5-14 years	83	400
15 years and over ...	2	7
Total all ages	201	430

631 persons were immunised or re-immunised against Diphtheria by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary Immunisation	Reinforcing Dose
Under 1 year	5	5
1-4 years	10	23
5-14 years	1	8
15 years and over ...	—	—
Total all ages	16	36

52 persons were immunised or re-immunised against whooping cough by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Age at Date of Vaccination	Vaccinated	Re-vaccinated
Under 1 year	415	6
1-4 years	418	12
5-14 years	36	12
15 years and over ...	20	30
Total all ages	889	60

949 persons were vaccinated or re-vaccinated against smallpox by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following table gives the number of second injections and third injections given during the year ended 31st December, 1961.

Age at Date of Vaccination	Second Injections	Third Injections	Fourth Injection
Under 1 year	215	7	—
1-4 years	1,068	969	—
5-14 years	480	603	5,338
15 years and over ...	1,755	1,532	—
Total all ages	2,518	3,111	5,338

10,967 persons were vaccinated or re-vaccinated against poliomyelitis by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

TRIPLE ANTIGEN IMMUNISATION (DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS)

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary Immunisation	Reinforcing Dose
Under 1 year	376	3
1-4 years	803	124
5-14 years	113	278
15 years and over ...	—	3
Total	1,292	408

1,700 persons were immunised or re-immunised by Triple Antigen injections by general practitioners and local health authority medical officers.

Puerperal Pyrexia

No cases were notified.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

No cases were notified.

Enteric Fever Group

No cases were notified.

Dysentery

1 case was notified.

Anterior Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified.

Para Typhoid "B" Fever

No cases were notified.

Pneumonia

8 cases were notified.

Measles and Whooping Cough

				Number of cases notified	Deaths
Measles	...	...	...	989	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	13	—

Tuberculosis

Notification of new cases :—

				Pulmonary Rate per 1,000 of population	Non-Pulmonary Rate per 1,000 of population
1952	...	...	...	0.9	0.1
1953	...	...	...	1.4	0.1
1954	...	...	...	0.8	0.1
1955	...	...	...	0.8	0.05
1956	...	...	...	0.9	0.04
1957	...	...	...	0.8	0.1
1958	...	...	...	0.7	0.01
1959	...	...	...	0.8	0.1
1960	...	...	...	0.4	0.01
1961	...	...	...	0.5	0.06

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1930

				Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	Total
Number on Register at 1st January,						
1961	...	...	...	567	81	648
Number on Register at 31st Decem-						
ber, 1961	...	...	...	535	82	617

Notifications

Table compiled from local records, giving details with regard to sex, age, etc., of notified new cases during 1961.

Age Periods	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	1	1	1	—
5—14 years	1	—	—	—
15—24 "	2	2	1	1
25—44 "	0	8	—	—
45—64 "	10	1	2	—
65 and over	2	1	—	—
Total ...	25	13	4	1

Tuberculosis Death Rate

The following table is inserted for purposes of comparison :

Year	Death Rates per 1,000 of Population		
	All Forms	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1952	0.21	0.16	0.05
1953	0.16	0.13	0.03
1954	0.09	0.09	0.00
1955	0.03	0.02	0.01
1956	0.10	0.08	0.02
1957	0.07	0.06	0.01
1958	0.12	0.12	0.00
1959	0.09	0.09	0.00
1960	0.02	0.02	0.00
1961	0.11	0.11	0.00

Particulars of patients from the Gillingham Area dealt with at the Chest Clinic, during 1961.

(These figures were kindly supplied by Dr. H. J. Robinson, Consultant Chest Physician).

	Adults		Children		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Pulmonary ...	24	25	3	2	27	27
Non-pulmonary ...	2	1	2	—	4	1
Total ...	26	26	5	2	31	28

Total attendances numbered 2,185.

Number of patients sent to Sanatoriums or Hospitals—34.

Venereal Diseases

I am indebted to Dr. C. D. Routh, Director of the Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee's Special Clinic in Rochester, for the subjoined figures.

New Patients—Gillingham :

			Male	Female	Total
Syphilis	...	...	2	—	2
Gonorrhœa	...	...	9	5	14
Non-Venereal	...	...	47	10	57
Totals			58	15	73

Attendances of Gillingham patients—683

Infant Mortality

Deaths of infants under 1 year numbered 28, which represents an infant mortality rate of 22.1 per 1,000 live births.

The rate for England and Wales was 21.4 per 1,000 relative live-births.

Maternal Mortality

There were no deaths associated with pregnancy.

Nursing Homes—Public Health Act, 1936.

There were 2 Nursing Homes on the Register at the end of the year, which provided 26 beds for aged persons.

ANALYSIS OF INFANT DEATHS DURING 1961

CAUSE OF DEATH (Local register)	AGE AT DEATH									
	Under 1 week	1 and under 2 weeks	2 and under 3 weeks	3 and under 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 and under 3 months	3 and under 6 months	6 and under 9 months	9 and under 12 months	Total under 1 year
Prematurity	14	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	14
Pneumonia	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hepatitis	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Atelctasis	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4
Congenital malformations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Congenital Heart	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Other causes	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	1	—	4
ALL CAUSES	20	1	2	—	23	2	1	2	—	28

ANALYSIS OF BIRTHS AND INFANT DEATHS FOR THE YEARS 1951 TO 1961

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Number of still births	30	20	23	28	22	15	24	31	28	28
Number of neo-natal deaths	23	19	19	23	15	19	20	19	13	23
Total number of still births and neo-natal deaths	53	39	42	51	37	34	44	40	41	51
Number of deaths of infants 1 to 12 months of age	3	9	12	14	8	12	9	5	6	5
Number of live births	1104	1050	1103	1093	1199	1245	1208	1232	1268	1264
Number of still births	30	20	23	28	22	15	24	31	28	28
Total live and still births	1134	1070	1126	1121	1221	1260	1232	1263	1296	1292

MORTALITY RATES CALCULATED PER 1,000 LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

Still births	26	19	20	25	18	12	19	24	22	22
Neo-natal deaths	20	18	17	20	12	15	16	15	10	18
Perinatal deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	23	37
Deaths of infants 1 to 12 months of age	3	8	11	12	6	9	7	4	4	4
Still births and all deaths up to 1 year	49	45	48	58	37	36	43	44	36	39
Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	23	27	28	34	19	25	24	19	15	22

DELEGATED HEALTH SERVICES

Under the Local Government Act of 1958, the Borough is responsible under a scheme of delegation, for the administration of County Council Health and Welfare functions as indicated below.

The County Council continues to be responsible for the remaining services and also for policy and finance in respect of the delegated services.

National Health Service Act, 1946.

Section 21	..	..	Health Centres
22	..	..	Care of Mothers and Young Children
23	..	..	Midwifery
24	..	..	Health Visiting
25	..	..	Home Nursing
26	..	..	Vaccination and Immunisation
28	..	..	Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care
29	..	..	Domestic Help

Mental Health Act, 1959.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Section 29	..	..	Welfare arrangements for blind, deaf, dumb and crippled persons, etc.
30	..	..	Voluntary organisations for disabled persons' welfare.

Disabled Persons (Employment) Act, 1958.

Nurseries and Child Minders Regulation Act, 1948.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE

Tuberculosis—Notifications

During the year 43 persons were notified as suffering from tuberculosis. On the 31st December, 648 persons remained on the registers.

Provision of Extra Foods

56 recommendations were made by chest physicians, of which 54 were approved, the remainder not being approved, at the time of recommendation, the patients' financial circumstances brought them outside the application of the Council's assessment regulations.

B.C.G. Vaccination

The carrying out of this vaccination includes all persons of 13 years or over who are in full-time attendance at schools and educational establishments as well as persons in close contact with patients suffering from tuberculosis. By the end of the year 930 schoolchildren had been vaccinated and 1,174 contacts. The schoolchildren were vaccinated at schools by Assistant County Medical Officers and the contacts by chest physicians at the chest clinics.

Illness Generally—Recuperative Care

Recuperative residential care is provided under Sections 22 and 28 of the Act. This is restricted to instances where a person has suffered from an illness which has been treated either in a hospital or at home and whilst needing further medical and/or nursing care of the type that can be provided by a general practitioner and home nurse, cannot have that care at home.

15 applications for recuperative care were received of which 13 were accepted.

Welfare of the Permanently and Substantially Handicapped

At the 31st December, 1961, 51 persons were on the Register of Handicapped Persons. 5 children under the age of 16, 36 persons aged between 16-64 and 10 aged 65 and over.

Various assistance and advice was given. Holidays were arranged for 4 persons who have been "homebound" for many years. Domestic Aids were provided to 7 persons to assist in normal home activities and adaptations were carried out at the homes of 3 persons to enable them to move more freely about the house.

In August a Home Craft Instruction Service was started and at the end of the year 21 persons were being visited weekly by a qualified Occupational Therapist employed part-time in the Borough.

Medical Loans

11 persons were provided with nursing requisites during the year.

Chiropody

During 1961, there were 141 new applicants for chiropody treatment. The total number of attendances for treatment was 1,014, of which 580 (including 116 domiciliary visits) were by private chiropodists approved by the County Council, and 434 (including 123 domiciliary) by the chiropodist appointed by the County Council on 1st April to work part-time in Gillingham in addition to other areas.

The charges by private chiropodists are 6s. per visit to the surgery, and 8s. 6d. per domiciliary visit. The maximum amount payable by patients is 4s. per treatment, and of the total number of 173 patients, 49 paid the maximum charge of 4s.; 9 paid lesser amounts on assessment, and 115 received treatment free of charge.

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Notification of Births Under the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following is an analysis of the births notified during 1st January to 31st December, 1961, showing the place of confinement:—

Number of			
Births	Domiciliary	Hospital	
1444	566	878	

The adjusted totals of notifications received during the year, i.e., the deduction of those births occurring within the Borough but relating to non-Borough residents, and the addition of those births occurring outside the Borough but relating to Borough residents, gives the following result from the Registrar General:—

Live births	1,264
Still births	28
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Totals	1,292
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Child Welfare Centres.

The Child Welfare Centres in the Borough are as follows:—

Balmoral Gardens, Gillingham.

Holding Street, Rainham.

2 Magnolia Avenue, Wigmore.

Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics are held at
Balmoral Gardens Centre.

The total attendances at child welfare centres during the year were 17,751 covering 2,595 children; of these 1,117 under one year of age attended for the first time during this period. At ante-natal and post-natal clinics there were 969 first attendances and 696 subsequent attendances.

Special Care of Premature Infants.

During the year notifications were received of 60 babies who weighed $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth. Details of these are given in the following tabulation from which it will be seen that 45 were born in hospitals and in nursing homes.

Notifications were received relating to 2 premature still births, and details of these are also given in the following table:—

Weight at Birth (1)	Premature Live Births												Premature Still-Births		
	Born in hospital			Born at home and nursed entirely at home			Born at home and transferred to hospital on or before 28th day			Born in nursing home and nursed entirely there			Born in nursing home and transferred to hospital on or before 28th day		
	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of birth	Survived 28 days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of birth	Survived 28 days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of birth	Survived 28 days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of birth	Survived 28 days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of birth	Survived 28 days
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
(18)	(19)														
(a) 3 lb. 4 oz. or less (1,500 gms. or less)	5	4	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Over 3 lb. 4 oz. up to and including 4 lb. 6 oz. (1,500—2,000 gms.) ...	13	4	9	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
(c) Over 4 lb. 6 oz. up to and including 4 lb. 15 oz. (2,000—2,250 gms.) ...	4	—	4	3	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
(d) Over 4 lb. 15 oz. up to and including 5 lb. 8 oz. (2,250—2,500 gms.) ...	14	—	14	4	—	4	1	—	1	7	—	7	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	36	8	27	13	—	13	2	1	1	9	—	9	—	—	1
															1
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Health Visiting

The number of children under five years of age visited totalled 1,478. First visits were paid to 47 expectant mothers and to 1,326 children under one year of age. The number of families or households visited during the period was 2,237 and the total number of visits paid by health visitors was as follows:—

To expectant mothers	...	...	...	59
To children under 1 year	...	...	...	5,422
To children aged 1 and under 2 years	...	...	...	3,439
To children aged 2 and under 5 years	...	...	...	5,044
To patients with tuberculosis	...	...	...	1,520
Other visits (hospital care, care of old people, etc.)				805
Total Visits				16,289

Nurseries and Child Minders (Regulation) Act.

At the end of the year the following premises were registered as Nurseries or persons registered as Child Minders under the Act.

	No. registered at end of year	No. of children provided for
Day Nurseries	2	24
Daily Minders	4	50

Domestic Help Service.

The figures given below show various categories of households where service was provided during the year.

Maternity (lying-in) patients	...	...	...	93
Tuberculosis patients	...	...	...	4
Person or persons over 65 years	...	...	...	423
Others, e.g., illness, mental subnormal, etc.	...	...	...	73
Total households served	...	...	...	593

The average number of helps employed at the end of the year was 52.

Family Help Service

Number of applications from the Children's Dept.	...	21
Number of families in which help has been provided	...	14
Number of children concerned for care	...	70

The following details are given showing the circumstances calling for the provision of this service.

(a) Mother in hospital for confinement or complications of pregnancy or confinement...	...	...	9
(b) Mother to hospital	...	...	4
(c) Mother deserted the family	...	...	—
(d) Mother died	...	...	2
(e) Mother to convalescent home	...	...	—

Child Help Service.

No cases were recommended as suitable for this service.

Night Attendant and Evening Service

The following table gives details of services provided under the above scheme:—

	Night	Evening
Number of applications received	83	9
Number of cases where help was provided	74	9
Number of cases terminated during 1961	71	7
Number of cases carried forward to 1962	3	3
Average age of patients	77 years	

In the figures for Domestic Help Service, each actual family served is counted only once; many received help continually over the whole twelve months, whilst others, who received service for shorter periods, came back again when a second need arose. The highest total of families served at any one time was 317, a marked increase on the figure of 287 for 1960. This trend continues steadily in 1962.

It is interesting that it has not been necessary to advertise for staff in Gillingham, and there does not appear the same acute shortage of suitable applicants as experienced elsewhere. The loss of Home Help through health or domestic circumstances is rather high, but good replacements have so far always been obtainable.

Midwifery and District Nursing Services.

There were 9 midwives employed by the authority, and they attended 511 deliveries during the year.

During this period the midwifery staff made 68 visits to patients who had been confined in hospital and discharged home before the 10th day of the lying-in period.

District Nursing Service (January to December).

At the 31st December, 1961, there were 14 district nurses employed in the Borough, and one employed part-time only.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
No. of patients attended ...	1063	101	—	7	—	—	1,171	544	13	171
No. of Nursing Attendances made by District Nurses ...	34,472	3,224	—	74	4	—	37,774	11,324	65	9,039
	Medical	Surgical	Infectious Diseases	Tuberculosis	Maternal Complications	Others	Totals	Patients included in (2)-(7) who were 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year.	Children included in (2)-(7) who were under 5 at the time of the first visit during the year.	Patients included in (2)-(7) who have had more than 24 visits during the year.

BLIND PERSONS

The number of registered blind persons in the Borough at the 31st December, was 155 and the age-sex grouping is:—

Age group	Male	Female	Total
Under 1	—	—	—
1	—	—	—
2	—	—	—
3	—	—	—
4	—	—	—
5-10	—	—	—
11-15	—	1	1
16-20	2	—	2
21-29	6	—	6
30-39	4	1	5
40-49	3	2	5
50-59	10	10	20
60-64	7	4	11
65-69	3	4	7
70-79	12	28	40
80-84	3	16	19
85-89	7	24	31
90 and over	—	8	8
Unknown	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Totals	57	98	155
	—	—	—

The following table shows the action taken concerning the examination of persons alleged to be blind during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1961:—

	Number of Examinations	Certified Blind		Not Certified Blind	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
New Cases	27	6	9	3	9
Re-examinations:—					
Previously blind—					
still blind	1	1	—	—	—
Previously blind—					
now not blind ...	—	—	—	—	—
Previously not blind					
—still not blind ...	1	—	—	1	—
Previously not blind					
—now blind	3	1	2	—	—
Totals... ..	32	8	11	4	9

St. Dunstaners.

There are 2 St. Dunstaners registered in the Borough of whom 1 is employed and 1 is unemployable.

Home Teacher.

There is one home teacher employed part-time in the Borough, who made 258 visits, and gave 3 Braille lessons as from April 1961. During the year, an average of 17 Registered Blind persons have attended weekly at the Medway Club for the Blind, the Home Teacher for the Blind having attended all sessions giving instruction in pastime handicrafts.

The Blind and Cripple Guild entertain local blind persons at their meetings, and by several outings during the year.

Workshop Employment.

There was one man employed at the Blind Employment Factory, Waterloo Road, S.E.1, as a brushmaker.

The rates of pay in the workshops are agreed rates fixed through the appropriate negotiating procedure. The workers' actual earnings are augmented by a sum of 15s. a week and additional supplementation as is necessary to bring the earnings plus augmentation up to an agreed minimum wage. The augmentation and supplementation is paid by the Council.

One man commenced as a trainee basket maker in September, 1961.

Mental Health.

The Mentally Ill. 83 cases were referred to the Mental Welfare Officer during the year, of these 63 patients were admitted to hospital. In the other cases it was decided, either, that no action was necessary under the Mental Health Act, or the patients were eventually referred for out-patient treatment by their own Doctors.

Nineteen cases were visited in the nature of after-care.

The Sub-Normal and Severely Sub-Normal. 11 patients were admitted to hospitals on a permanent basis and 7 cases were admitted for "short term care" varying from one to two months.

11 patients remained on the Waiting List for suitable hospital accommodation. Friendly oversight is available to 53 males and, by the Health Visitors, to 57 females.

Training Centre. 18 Gillingham Children attended the Rochester Centre. 11 in the age group, 5-15 years, and 7 aged 16 and over.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

Is provided by the Medway Water Board and 35 samples were taken during the year; 16 from the Gillingham area and 19 from the Rainham area. All proved satisfactory.

24,330 dwellings are supplied directly from the mains, this is 99.9% of the total number of dwellings in the Borough, which consist of :—

Houses	...	...	...	...	...	22,731
Houses, with business premises and shops						1,538
Licensed houses	...	...	...	...		81
Boarding houses	...	...	..	...		4
Total dwellings	..	...	...			<hr/>24,354 <hr/>

Public Health Inspection.

This portion of the report has been prepared by Mr. F. J. Hedgecock, Chief Public Health Inspector.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

On the register of food shops there are 594 premises from which food is sold excluding public houses, off licences, chemists and clubs.

These comprise as follows:—

- 42 Cafés and Kitchens.
- 32 Fishmongers.
- 33 Bakers, Pastry Cooks and Confectioners.
- 53 Butchers' Shops, including three travelling shops.
- 110 Grocers, including four multiple shops and two travelling shops.
- 64 Fruiterers and Greengrocers.
- 260 General Shops and shops selling sugar confectionery.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Particulars of Samples taken by the Public Health Inspectors during the year 1st January to 31st December, 1961:—

Article.	No. of Samples.	Article.	No. of Samples
Baking Powder	1	Marmalade	1
Beef Curry	2	Marzipan	1
Biscuits	1	Mayonnaise	1
Blancmange Powder	2	Meat Casserole	2
Cake and Sponge Mixes	5	Meat Paste	4
Cakes and Sponges	5	Meat Roll	2
Camphorated Oil	1	Milk	106
Casseroled Steak	1	Milk of Magnesia Tablets... ..	1
Cascara Sagrada	1	Milk Powder	1
Cheese Spread	2	Minced Beef	2
Chicken and Rice	1	Mincemeat	3
Chocolate Dessert Powder	1	Moutarde	1
Coffe and Chicory Essence	7	Olive Oil	1
Colouring	1	Paprika	1
Cooking Oil	1	Peanut Butter	1
Cornflour	1	Peas... ..	1
Cough Mixtures	2	Peeled Tomatoes	2
Cream	5	Pepper	1
Creamed Rice	1	Pickles	10
Curry Powder	2	Pork Gelatine	1
Custard Powder	2	Pudding Mixes	4
Desiccated Cocoanut	2	Puddings	6
Evaporated Milk	4	Risotta	1
Fish Paste	5	Sauce	5
Flavouring and Essence	5	Sausages	2
Flour	1	Semolina	3
Gin	1	Soft Drinks and Cordials	13
Green Beans	1	Soups	5
Ground Rice	2	Spices	1
Hamburgers	1	Stewed Beef	1
Honey	2	Sweets	9
Ice Lolly Syrup	1	Tinned Fish	1
Icing Sugar	1	Tinned Meat	2
Jam and Lemon Curd	10	Tinned Vegetables	1
Jelly	3	Treacle	1
Luncheon Meat	3	Vinegar	5
Total	290		

These were analysed by the Public Analyst and no samples were certified as adulterated.

The subjoined table shows the premises on the registers and the number of inspections made.

	On Register 31st Dec.	No of visits during 1961
Bakehouses	9	67
Dairies and Milk Distributors Retailers of bottled sterilised milk	223 } 197 }	398
Fried Fish Shops	24	13
Pressed and Preserved Meat Premises	70	5
Premises registered for Ice Cream:—		
(a) Sale... ..	348 }	78
(b) Manufacture	10 }	

Unsound Food

Amount of food condemned weighed 1 ton 15 cwt. 19 lbs. This included tinned foods, cheese and ham.

Housing Summary

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 2205
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 4659
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Regulations 1343
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 1506
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 26
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 76

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers 197

3. Action under statutory powers during the year :—	
(a) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	95
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) By owners	114
(b) By local authority in default of owners	17
(b) Proceedings under Housing Act :—	
(1) Demolition Orders	5
(2) Closing Orders	21
(3) Undertakings not to re-let for human habitation	—
(4) Houses demolished during 1961 as the result of formal action under the Act ...	5

Preliminary and Abatement Notices

During the year the following notices were served :—

Informal Notices for the abatement of various nuisances	234
Abatement Notices concerning various nuisances (Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936) ...	37
Section 24 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Maintenance of a public sewer)	17
Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Defective sanitary appliance)	18
Section 44 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Construction of W.C.)	—
Section 45 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Notice to repair defective closet)	9
Section 50 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Leaking Cesspools)	—
Gillingham Corporation Act, 1931, Section 72, respecting choked or defective drains	13
Section 56 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Yard Paving)	3
Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1957 (Provision of Dustbins)	11
Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 (notice to execute works).	76
Total	418

Nuisances Abated

Water Closets :

Wash basins provided	...	...	...	...	...	—
New pans and traps fitted	...	...	...	...	...	15
Water closets re-built	...	...	..	...	...	1
New water closets constructed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water closet fittings repaired (water)	...	...	...	...	...	20
Water closet seats, doors, floors, brickwork repaired...						108

Water Supply :

Pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Internal supply provided	2

Yards :

Drained and paved with cement concrete				37
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Sinks and Baths :

Glazed stoneware sinks fixed	14
Sink waste pipes provided and fixed	22

Drainage :

Drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	34
Subsidiary sewers cleared by Health Department	...	...	...	...	...	739
Inspection chambers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cesspools emptied by Health Department	...	...	...	...	...	292

Dampness :

Roofs repaired and made watertight	...	...	...	...	...	172
Eaves guttering and down pipes provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	86
External walls protected from dampness	...	...	...	...	...	145
Internal walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	248
Damp-proof courses inserted	...	...	...	...	...	54
Ventilation provided under floors	...	...	...	...	...	17
Forecourts paved with cement concrete	...	...	...	...	...	8

General

Disused cesspools filled in	...	...	...	...	...	—
Accumulation of refuse in yard removed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dangerous cellar flaps repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cooking ranges and coppers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	34
Sashes, doors, frames, floors, and stairs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	564
Ceilings repaired and distempered	...	...	...	...	...	116
Back additions underpinned and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	—
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	24

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

The following Tables give details of the work carried out at factories, and premises used by outworkers.

I. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	67	69	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	115	156	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	3	3	—	—
Totals	185	228	—	—

II CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which Defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—

Premises, Etc., Visited During 1961

	No. of Visits
Milk shops and dairies and retailers of bottled sterilised milk	179
Refreshment houses or premises where food is prepared	1,111
Miscellaneous, including Pet Animals Act, etc. ...	1,062
Factories, workshops and workplaces	228
Re notified infectious diseases	29
Houses (filthy or verminous)	12
Piggeries and Stables	116
Animals kept so as to be a nuisance	26
Public lavatories	400
Drains tested	84
Complaints received	1,599
Total number of visits of all types made by Inspectors during the year	14,827

Merchandise Marks Act.

21 inspections were carried out and these were chiefly in connection with fresh and dried fruits and meat marking, 4 contraventions were observed and these infringements were immediately rectified upon verbal notice and warning being given.

Shops Acts.

1,157 inspections were carried out in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Act. On no occasion was it necessary to take statutory action but on many occasions advice was given in respect of the keeping of the various forms and records.

There are 1,097 shops on the register.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	Rats	Mice
Number of complaints received ...	204	134
Infestations found	239	85
Infestations found on independent investigation	141	45
Action taken :—		
Premises treated by Operator ...	239	85
Sewer Treatment :—		
Number of manholes treated ...	121	

Eradication of Bed-Bugs, Disinfections, etc.

The number of houses found to be infested was :—

Council Houses	9
Other Houses	34
Bedding removed and disinfected	11
Total number of rooms sprayed for Bugs, T.B., etc.	116
Total number of articles disinfected	1,920

Table showing:—(a) The distribution in age groups of infectious disease cases notified during 1961.
(b) The number removed to Hospital.

(Local Records).

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED (<i>Diagnosis Corrected</i>)							Removed to Hospital
	YEARS							
	All Ages	Under 5	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 and Over	Age Unknown	
Pneumonia ...	8	—	—	1	2	5	—	1
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Influenzal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Menigicoccal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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(Local Records).

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED (<i>Diagnosis Corrected</i>)									
	YEARS									
	All Ages	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and Over	Age Unknown	Removed to Hospital
Scarlet Fever ...	8	—	1	1	4	1	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough...	13	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	989	29	188	258	487	14	5	4	4	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—

**Causes of Deaths amongst Civilians, Live and Still Births
as provided by the Registrar-General:—**

CAUSES OF DEATH						Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	4	4	8
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	8	8	16
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	33	2	35
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	—	14	14
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	—	3	3
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms...	...	...	...	...	59	31	90
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	3	4	7
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	51	61	112
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	91	55	146
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	10	10	20
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	50	62	112
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	19	10	35
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	10	25	44
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	25	11	36
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	3	5
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	8	1	9
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	5	—	5
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	38	34	72
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	8	2	10
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	5	1	6
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
ALL CAUSES						452	366	818
Deaths of Infants under 1 year :—								
Legitimate						15	13	28
Illegitimate						—	—	—
Total						15	13	28
Births				For Infant Mortality, etc.				
				M.	F.	Total		
LIVE BIRTHS :—								
Legitimate				586	609	1195		
Illegitimate				39	30	69		
Total				625	639	1264		
Still BIRTHS :—								
Legitimate				14	10	24		
Illegitimate				4	—	4		
Total				18	10	28		

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Under the provisions of the Education Act, 1944, Gillingham is an "excepted district."

Number on School Roll	11,387
Average attendance 1961	10,604
"Periodic" cases examined	2,367
Total medical examinations	3,949
Visits to schools by nurses	282
Visits to homes by nurses	80
Inspections by school dentists	8,757
Treated by school dentists	1,694
Percentage of average attendance found verminous	0.16
Percentage of average attendance excluded for verminous conditions	0.04
Total attendances at various clinics (dental excluded)	4,295

Heights and Weights

Age	BOYS			GIRLS		
	Number examined	Average		Number examined	Average	
		Height in inches	Weight in lbs.		Height in inches	Weight in lbs.
4-5 years	29	41.6	41.1	33	42.1	40.5
5-6 "	106	43.4	43.4	122	43.3	42.7
6-7 "	17	46.6	47.6	30	45.7	47.7
7-8 "	8	49.9	56.2	3	47.3	53.3
8-9 "	42	50.1	60.8	74	49.7	58.1
9-10 "	—	—	—	1	49.0	53.0
10-11 "	3	53.3	73.0	—	—	—
11-12 "	79	56.9	82.1	—	—	—
12-13 "	8	51.0	79.1	3	54.0	80.3
13-14 "	—	—	—	—	—	—
14-15 "	807	64.3	117.3	707	62.0	114.8
15-16 "	186	66.3	130.6	80	61.6	112.6
16-17 "	29	68.1	137.0	—	—	—

Provision of Milk

Milk is provided free of charge to all school children. During December 9,092 children were supplied with milk each day. This represents 79.1 % of the total number of children on the roll.

Infectious Diseases

The following summary gives the number of patients excluded during the years 1952-61 (Private schools included).

				Scarlet Fever Cases	Diphtheria Cases
1952	...	...	...	119	—
1953	...	...	...	49	—
1954	...	...	...	42	—
1955	...	...	...	22	—
1956	...	...	...	10	—
1957	...	...	...	10	—
1958	...	...	...	19	—
1959	...	...	...	63	—
1960	...	...	..	10	—
1961	...	...	...	3	—

Summary of Nurses Work

(1)	Total visits to schools	...	...	...	282
(2)	Attendances at routine medical inspections				137
(3)	Attendances at clinics	...	...	...	472
(4)	Visits to homes	...	...	...	80
(5)	Examination of heads and bodies re cleanliness	...	...	...	10,647
(6)	Notices sent re nits (children not excluded from school)	...	...	...	88
7)	Notices sent re nits and vermin (children excluded from school)	...	...	...	49

Attendances at Treatment Clinics

			Balmoral Gardens	Rainham	Total 1961	Total 1960
Ringworm	...	...	12	13	25	4
Ear defects	...	...	7	13	20	53
Impetigo	...	...	44	6	50	89
Scabies	...	...	13	9	22	7
Other skin diseases	...	...	66	19	85	35
External eye disease	...	...	59	31	90	124
Other conditions	...	..	398	234	632	1,036
Totals			599	325	924	1,348

Children suffering from the following conditions made first attendances for inspection :—

			Balmoral Gardens	Rainham	Total 1961	Total 1960
Catarrh, sore throats, colds etc.			8	7	15	3
Vermin of head or body, nits, etc.	...	...	28	10	38	37
Ringworm	...	...	2	1	3	2
Impetigo	...	...	15	4	19	20
Scabies	...	...	10	8	18	3
Other skin diseases	...	...	20	13	33	23
Defective vision, sore eyes, etc.			57	25	82	123
Nose and throat diseases	...		—	2	2	—
Chorea	...	...	—	—	—	—
Epilepsy	...	...	—	—	—	—
Ear disease	...	...	4	8	12	11
Heart	...	...	—	—	—	—
Rheumatism	...	...	—	—	—	—
Deformities	...	...	1	4	5	4
Convalescents from infectious diseases	...	...	5	2	7	7
Other diseases and defects	...		100	86	186	249
Totals			250	170	420	482

Orthoptic Clinic

During the year 9 cases were referred to St. William's Hospital, Rochester for the orthoptic treatment of children suffering from squint.

Ophthalmic Clinic

The work of the clinic may be summarised thus:—

Sessions held	...	...	...	...	...	120
Number of children examined for first time	...	...	...	...	...	135
Number of children re-examined	...	...	...	...	...	1,005
Total attendances	...	...	...	...	...	1,140
Glasses prescribed	...	...	...	...	...	229
Glasses not required or no change necessary	...	...	...	...	...	911
Referred to hospital	...	...	...	...	...	9

B.C.G. Vaccination of school children

The following summary gives details of the work undertaken:—

Number of sessions	...	...	...	...	...	20
Number of 1st Mantoux tests	...	...	...	...	...	984
Number found to have positive reactions	...	...	...	...	...	42
Number vaccinated	...	...	...	...	...	913
Number of 2nd Mantoux tests	...	...	...	...	...	40
Number of conversions	...	...	...	...	...	15
Number re-vaccinated	...	...	...	...	...	17

HANDICAPPED PUPILS

Special Classes and Units in the Authority's Area

Name and Address	Number of classes or units				No. of pupils in each class
	P.S.	P.D.	P.H.	Mal.	
Partially Deaf Unit, Woodlands Road C.P. Infants School	—	2	—	—	Infants 9 J.M. 8
Special Day Unit, Richmond C.P. Infants School	—	—	1	—	8

Handicapped Pupils requiring education at Special Schools approved under Section 9(5) of the Education Act, 1944, or Boarding in Boarding Homes

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1961		Blind (1)	Partially sighted (2)	Deaf (3)	Partially deaf (4)	Physically handicapped (5)	Delicate (6)	Maladjusted (7)	Educationally subnormal (8)	Epileptic (9)	Speech defects (10)	Total (11)
A	How many handicapped pupils were newly assessed as needing special educational treatment at special schools or in boarding homes? ...	—	—	—	2	1	1	4	3	—	—	11
	(i) of the children included at A, how many were newly placed in special schools (other than hospital special schools) or boarding homes? ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	4
B	(ii) of the children assessed prior to 1st January, 1961, how many were newly placed in special schools (other than hospital special schools) or boarding homes? ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
	TOTAL (B (i) and B (ii)) ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	—	—	6
	on or about 20th January, 1962, how many handicapped pupils from the Authority's area:— ...											
	(i) were requiring places in special schools—TOTAL								15	—	—	15
	(a) day ...											
	(b) boarding ...				2	1		2	2			7
C	(ii) included at (i) had not reached the age of 5 and were awaiting—											
	(a) day places ...											
	(b) boarding places ...											
	(iii) Included at (i) who had reached the age of 5 {											
	but whose parents had refused consent to											
	their admission to a special school, were } (a) day places ...											
	... } (b) boarding places ...											

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1961

	During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1961										
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
D	Blind	Partially sighted	Deaf	Partially deaf	Physically handicapped	Pelicate	Maladjusted	Educationally subnormal	Epileptic	Speech defects	Total
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	(i) were on the registers of (1) maintained special schools as	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(a) day pupils	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(b) boarding pupils	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(2) non maintained special schools as	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(a) day pupils	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(b) boarding pupils	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(ii) were on the registers of independent schools under arrangements made by the Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
E	Total (D (i) and D (ii))	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(iii) were boarded in homes and not already included under (i) and (ii) above	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total (D (i), (ii) and (iii))	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
E	On or about 20th January, 1962, how many handicapped pupils (irrespective of the areas to which they belong) were being educated under arrangements made by the Authority in accordance with Section 56 of the Education Act, 1944—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(i) in hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(ii) in other groups (e.g. units for spastics, convalescent homes)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(iii) at home	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

CHILDREN FOUND UNSUITABLE FOR EDUCATION AT SCHOOL

During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1961,

- (i) how many children were the subject of new decisions recorded under Section 57(4) of the Education Act, 1944? ... 3
- (ii) how many decisions were cancelled under Section 57A(2) of the Education Act, 1944? ... 3

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1933
EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN

NUMBER OF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS
BETWEEN 1st JANUARY, 1961 AND 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

Centre for Examination	No. of Children Examined	No. of Certificates Refused
Balmoral Gardens, Gillingham	164	—
Holding Street Clinic Rainham	42	—
Total	206	—

STAFF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The following medical examinations were carried out and x-ray arrangements made in respect of the following during 1961:—

School meals service staff	...	...	...	23
Caretakers and cleaners	...	..	...	10
Prospective student teachers	18
Teachers	11
Clerical and other staff	9
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STATISTICAL TABLES

PART I—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

TABLE A
PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups Inspected (By years of birth)	No. of pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No. (3)	% of Col. 2 (4)	No. (5)	% of Col. 2 (6)
(1)	(2)			(5)	(6)
1957 and later	5	5	100.0	—	—
1956	159	150	94.3	9	5.7
1955	144	141	97.7	3	2.3
1954	35	35	100.0	—	—
1953	78	78	100.0	—	—
1952	44	44	100.0	—	—
1951	2	2	100.0	—	—
1950	58	57	98.3	1	1.7
1949	34	34	100.0	—	—
1948	—	—	—	—	—
1947	673	665	98.8	8	1.2
1946 and earlier	1135	1130	99.5	5	0.5
Total ...	2,367	2,341	98.9	26	1.1

TABLE B
PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT AT
PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS
(excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin)

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth) (1)	For defective vision (excluding squint) (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Part II (3)	Total individual pupils (4)
1957 and later	—	—	—
1956	6	26	29
1955	4	33	30
1954	5	5	7
1953	1	8	8
1952	3	7	8
1951	—	—	—
1950	3	7	8
1949	4	3	5
1948	—	—	—
1947	52	58	37
1947 and earlier	58	83	84
Total ...	136	230	216

TABLE C
OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	693
Number of Re-inspections	889
Total	<u>1,582</u>

TABLE D
INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| (a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10,647 |
| (b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested | ... | ... | ... | ... | 173 |
| (c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944) | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944) | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |

**PART II—DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION
DURING THE YEAR**

**TABLE A
PERIODIC INSPECTIONS**

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS							
		Entrants		Leavers		Others		Total	
		(T) (3)	(O) (4)	(T) (5)	(O) (6)	(T) (7)	(O) (8)	(T) (9)	(O) (10)
4	Skin	5	—	38	2	—	1	43	3
5	Eyes—								
	a. Vision	15	25	—	5	11	6	136	36
	b. Squint	4	9	3	2	—	—	7	11
	c. Other	2	—	5	—	—	—	7	—
6	Ears—								
	a. Hearing... ..	4	10	2	3	—	3	6	16
	b. Otitis Media	—	—	3	1	—	—	3	1
	c. Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	Nose and Throat	23	10	13	4	1	4	37	18
8	Speech... ..	1	9	—	2	1	1	2	12
9	Lymphatic Glands	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
10	Heart	2	2	4	1	—	2	6	5
11	Lungs	4	1	2	1	—	—	6	2
12	Developmental—								
	a. Hernia	1	1	1	—	—	—	2	1
	b. Other	—	2	5	—	—	1	5	3
13	Orthopaedic—								
	a. Posture	2	4	2	1	1	2	5	7
	b. Feet	14	1	41	1	21	2	76	4
	c. Other	1	2	8	2	—	1	9	5
14	Nervous System—								
	a. Epilepsy	1	1	2	—	—	1	3	2
	b. Other	—	2	2	2	—	—	2	4
15	Psychological—								
	a. Development	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	b. Stability	1	—	1	—	1	—	3	—
16	Abdomen	—	—	7	1	—	—	7	1
17	Other	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	1

TABLE B

SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Defect Code No.	Defects or Disease	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Pupils requiring Treatment	Pupils requiring Observation
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
4	Skin	69	11
5	Eyes—		
	a. Vision	28	11
	b. Squint	1	—
	c. Other	43	1
6	Ears—		
	a. Hearing..	1	—
	b. Otitis Media	4	—
	c. Other	8	1
7	Nose and Throat	2	1
8	Speech... ..	5	1
9	Lymphatic Gland	—	1
10	Heart	—	—
11	Lungs	1	—
12	Developmental—		
	a. Hernia	—	—
	b. Other	—	—
13	Orthopaedic—		
	a. Posture	—	—
	b. Feet	—	—
	c. Other	1	2
14	Nervous System—		
	a. Epilepsy	—	—
	b. Other	—	—
15	Psychological—		
	a. Development	—	1
	b. Stability	1	2
16	Abdomen	—	—
17	Other	145	8

**PART III—TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED
AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

**TABLE A
EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT**

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	72
Errors of refraction (including squint) ...	1,212
Total ...	1,284
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	229

**TABLE B
DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT**

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment	
(a) for diseases of the ear	—
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsilitis ...	15
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	2
Received other forms of treatment ...	—
Total ...	17
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids	
(a) in 1961	2
(b) in previous years	—

**TABLE C
ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS**

	Number of cases known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patients departments	—
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects	—
Total ...	—

TABLE D
DISEASES OF THE SKIN
(excluding uncleanliness, for which see Table D of Part I)

					Number of cases known to have been treated
Ringworm—(a) Scalp	...	...	...		—
(b) Body	...	...	...		3
Scabies	...	...	...	...	18
Impetigo	...	...	...	...	18
Other skin diseases	...	...	...	...	27
Total				...	66

TABLE E
CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics ...	14

TABLE F
SPEECH THERAPY

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated by speech therapists ...	40

TABLE G
OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
(a) Pupils with minor ailments ...	432
(b) Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements ...	—
(c) Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination	930
(d) Other than (a), (b) and (c) above	
Please specify:	
Catarrh, Sore throats ...	—
Total (a)-(d) ...	1,362

**PART IV—DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT
CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITY**

(1)	Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers—					
	(a) At Periodic Inspections	...	...	...	8,217	
	(b) As specials	...	...	...	540	
	Total (1)	...	...	...	8,757	
(2)	Number found to require treatment (includes 1(b))	...	...	...	4,369	
(3)	Number offered treatment	...	...	...	4,239	
(4)	Number actually treated	...	...	...	1,694	
(5)	Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at 11 (h) ...				4,203	
(6)	Half days devoted to:					
	(a) Periodic (School) Inspection	...	...	...	45	
	(b) Treatment	...	...	...	473	
	Total (6)	...	...	...	518	
(7)	Fillings: (a) Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	1,852	
	(b) Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	856	
	Total (7)	...	...	...	2,708	
(8)	Number of Teeth filled: (a) Permanent Teeth				1,493	
	(b) Temporary Teeth				725	
	Total (8)	...	...	...	2,218	
(9)	Extractions: (a) Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	422	
	(b) Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	1,962	
	Total (9)	...	...	...	2,384	
(10)	Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	...	...	...	1,502	
(11)	Orthodontics:					
	(a) Cases commenced during the year	...	...	...	31	
	(b) Cases carried forward from previous year	...	...	...	3	
	(c) Cases completed during the year	...	...	...	9	
	(d) Cases discontinued during the year	...	...	...	—
	(e) Pupils treated with appliances	...	...	...	4	
	(f) Removable appliances fitted	...	...	...	2	
	(g) Fixed appliances fitted	...	...	...	—
	(h) Total attendances	...	...	...	58	
(12)	Number of pupils supplied with artificial teeth				9	
(13)	Other operations: (a) Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	497	
	(b) Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	129	
	Total (13)	...	...	...	626	

